



BIOGRAPHY

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Colonel James E. Kuhns, Air Force Reserve Command, is the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the commander, Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall AFB, Fla. As such, he advises the commander on matters pertaining to the reserve force components. He also assists the agency commander in providing the best tools, practices and professional support to maximize Air Force civil engineer capabilities in base and contingency operations worldwide. The agency supports all active-duty installations, as well as Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve installations.

Colonel Kuhns entered the Air Force in 1975 after completing the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Pennsylvania State University. After commissioning he attended undergraduate navigator training and upon graduation became a navigator assigned to C-130H aircraft. In 1985, he left active duty and became an IMA assigned to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region VI headquarters in Denton, Texas. Later, he became the IMA to the base civil engineer at Sheppard AFB, Texas. In 1999, he became an assistant professor of aerospace studies at the University of North Texas and a year later, the IMA to the HQ Air Education and Training Command Readiness Division chief. He assumed his current position in July 2000.



As a civilian, Colonel Kuhns is an SBC internet services operations manager providing customer service delivery for several national and international telecommunications companies.

EDUCATION:

- 1975 Bachelor's of arts degree in advertising, Pennsylvania State University
- 1979 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1987 Master's in business administration-finance, University of Texas
- 1988 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1998 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1976 Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather AFB, Calif.
2. 1977 C-130H Standardization/Evaluation Navigator, 772nd Tactical Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
3. 1980 Assistant chief, Tactics and Techniques Branch, 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas
3. 1985 IMA to Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VI, Denton, Texas
4. 1987 IMA to the disaster preparedness officer, Sheppard AFB, Texas
5. 1996 IMA to the base civil engineer, 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas
6. 1999 Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies, Det. 835, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
7. 1999 IMA to HQ Air Education and Training Command civil engineer, Randolph AFB, Texas
8. 2000-Present IMA to commander, Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

International Association of Emergency Managers
American Red Cross Chapter Board Member
Boy Scouts of America

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Senior navigator with more than 2,500 hours

Air Force Outstanding Disaster Preparedness IMA Officer of the Year (1992)

American Red Cross State Communications Committee member (public affairs resource for disaster response)

(Current as of April 2001)